

# DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

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On August 13, 2001, Commander (CDR) A. David Armstrong, III, Supply Corps (SC), United States Navy (USN), relinquished command of Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ) to CDR Scott R. Thon, SC, USN. Brigadier General James H. Pillsbury, United States Army, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC) officiated at the ceremony.

CDR Armstrong served as DDYJ's commander since August 1999. CDR Armstrong led DDYJ in an aggressive 12-month re-engineering project reducing processing time. CDR Armstrong also led the successful implementation of the Distribution Standard System (DSS), which provided comprehensive automated warehouse management capabilities to the command and enabled more efficient material distribution processing.

Commander Thon's assignments have included: Industrial Support Officer, Executive Assistant to Commander, Navy Exchange Systems Command, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Auxiliary Platform Management Team Leader and LPD-17 Project Officer, and most recently, Naval Inventory Control Point Mechanicsburg.

Commander Thon is qualified as a Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer, Submarine Supply Corps Officer and Aviation Supply Corps Officer. His personal decorations include Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

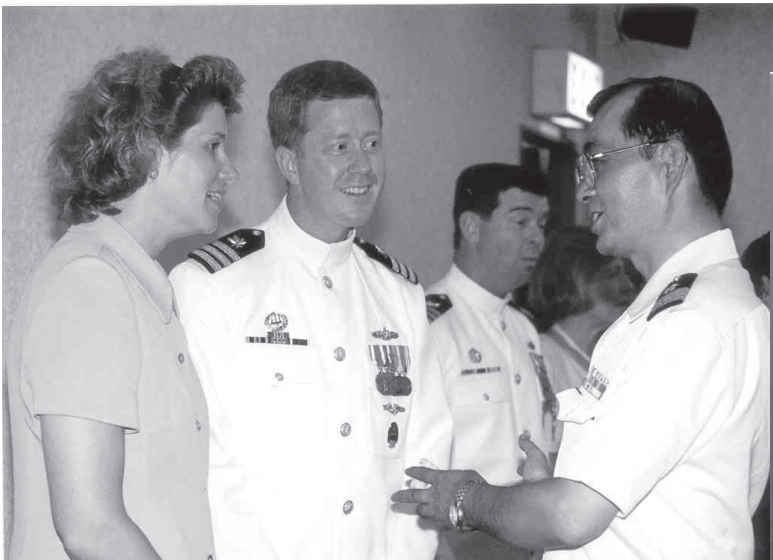
DDYJ is the second newest and eighth largest of the 22 distribution centers worldwide. It has 34 buildings on

3 separate sites with 1.2M square feet of covered storage. With headquarters located onboard the Yokosuka Naval Base, DDYJ has a detachment in Sasebo, Japan and a third site located in Yokohama. DDYJ is strategically located to provide support throughout the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf areas of responsibility.

Centrally located, DDYJ is in close proximity to U.S. military and commercial lines of communication for ocean, surface and air cargo. DDYJ provides a full range of logistical support services to U.S. Navy vessels and shore commands. Support is provided to over 70 ships including the carrier battle group homeported in Yokosuka, the Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) homeported in Sasebo and the numerous U.S. Naval vessels transiting the area.

DDYJ also supports major industrial shore commands and bases throughout Japan, Singapore, Diego Garcia and naval assets in the Persian Gulf. Additionally, the distribution center is an integral player in contingency plans for transition to war scenarios in the Far East.

DDYJ has general purpose, humidity controlled, secure, hazardous material, POL drum, freeze and chill warehousing capabilities. Provisions, repair parts, depot-level repairables, bottled gasses, lumber and Hazardous Material are some of the major products DDYJ distributes. Services include transshipments, cold storage facilities and specialty warehousing for submarine repair as well as large items such as ship's propellers and aircraft assemblies.



*CDR Kinjo, Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force, welcomes CDR and Mrs. Thon.*

*Mrs. Thon pins on the Command Ashore pin during the DDYJ Change of Command.*

